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SUBJECT: MINISTER WALDING' S MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY

OF STATE PORTER

SUMMARY: NEW ZEALAND MINISTER WALDING (IN HIS CAPACITY AS
ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS) CALLED ON UNDER
SECRETARY PORTER ON APRIL 30. HE WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY
AMBASSADOR WHITE. WALDING TALKED OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO
PEKING AND PLANS FOR OPENING A NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY THERE.
THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF CHINA' S FORMER INVOLVEMENT IN THE
COLD WAR, FOREIGN AID PHILOSOPHIES, THE MIDDLE EAST AS A
THREAT TO PEACE, AND THE OUTLOOK IN INDOCHINA. WALDING
ALSO RAISED AGAIN THE QUESTION OF HOLDING THE ANZUS MEETING
IN NEW ZEALAND. PORTER SAID THAT WE HOPED TO REACH A
DECISION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

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1. ESTABLISHING OFFICES IN PEKING

WALDING REFERRED TO THE CONVERSATIONS WHICH HE HAD HELD RECENTLY IN PEKING AND THE PLANS TO OPEN NEW ZEALAND EMBASSIES IN PEKING AND MOSCOW. SINCE THE SOVIETS HAVE HAD A LEGATION FOR MANY YEARS IN WELLINGTON AND THE NEW ZEALANDERS HAD AN OFFICE IN MOSCOW UNTIL THEY CLOSED IT IN 1951 THE GNZ DESIRES TO OPEN ITS EMBASSY IN MOSCOW BEFORE IT OPENS ITS EMBASSY IN PEKING. THE NEW ZEALANDERS, WALDING SAID, DO NOT WANT TO APPEAR TO BE GOING OVERBOARD IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

UNDER SECRETARY PORTER TOLD WALDING ABOUT THE STATUS OF OUR EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A LIAISON MISSION IN PEKING AND SPOKE OF THE GOOD COOPERATION BEING GIVEN BY THE CHINESE TO OUR ADVANCE TEAM.

2. CHINA AND THE COLD WAR

WALDING SAID THAT GNZ WAS INTERESTED IN THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE PRC HAS BEEN SUPPORTING INSURGENCY IN SEA. IN PEKING THE IMPRESSION HE GOT WAS THAT CHINESE EXPANSIONISM IS MUTED BUT THAT THE CHINESE ARE AFRAID OF SOVIET EXPANSION. HE TOLD THE CHINESE LEADERS THAT WHILE NEW ZEALAND WANTED TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS IT MUST REMAIN LOYAL TO ITS OLD FRIENDS SUCH AS THOSE IN ANZUS.

THIS WAS ACCEPTED BY THE CHINESE. CHOU EN-LAI BLAMED THE COLD WAR ON JOHN FOSTER DULLES, BUT WALDING SAID HE HAD TOLD CHOU THAT DULLES MAY HAVE BEEN RIGHT. IN ANY EVENT, THE CHINESE, SAID WALDING, ARE MORE WORRIED ABOUT MOSCOW THAN ABOUT WASHINGTON.

PORTER COMMENTED THAT OLD NATIONALISTIC SENTIMENT OF CHINESE AND RUSSIANS SEEMED TO HAVE COME TO THE FORE. FUNDAMENTALLY THEY DO NOT GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER. PORTER SURMISED THAT THE VERY CLOSE CONTROL WHICH THE SOVIETS EXERCISED OVER THEIR FORMER AID TO CHINA WAS ONE OF THE FACTORS LEADING TO THE SPLIT.

3. FOREIGN AID PHILOSOPHY

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PORTER NOTED THAT RUSSIANS HAD HAD A HISTORY OF PROBLEMS IN THE AID FIELD IN EGYPT AND INDONESIA AS WELL AS CHINA. IN ITS AID PROGRAMS SAID PORTER THE U. S. TRIES TO DEVELOP RAPPORT WITH COUNTERPARTS AND TRIES TO STAY OUT OF POLITICS. IT DOES NOT EXPECT GRATITUDE BUT LOOKS FOR STABILITY AS A SUFFICIENT REWARD. WALDING NOTED THAT THE CHINESE WERE ENGAGED IN SOME AID ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA.

HE SAID THAT NEW ZEALAND IS INCREASING ITS FOREIGN AID UP FROM DOLS 20 MILLION TO DOLS 27 MILLION. IT FEELS THAT IT CAN DO QUITE A LOT IN THE AREA BETWEEN ASIA AND NEW ZEALAND BUT IT IS NOT LOOKING FOR GRATITUDE.

4. MIDDLE EAST AS A THREAT TO PEACE

WALDING ASKED WHERE THE MAIN THREAT TO WORLD PEACE WAS AT PRESENT IN THE AMERICAN VIEW. PORTER REPLIED THAT IT WAS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHERE THE PARTIES WERE UNWILLING TO TAKE THE ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP IN ESTABLISHING A DIALOGUE WITHOUT IMPOSING IMPOSSIBLE CONDITIONS. TO WALDING'S QUERY WHETHER THE MAJOR POWERS WERE LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED PORTER REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT THINK SO AS BOTH THE U. S. AND THE USSR WISHED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION. WALDING COMMENTED THAT THE ATTITUDE AMONG THE ARABS AND ISRAELIS HAD HARDENED AND PORTER AGREED, NOTING THAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN BOTH COUNTRIES WANT RADICAL SOLUTIONS WHICH INVOLVE VIOLENCE.

5. OUTLOOK IN INDOCHINA

IN RESPONSE TO WALDING'S QUERY ABOUT THE OUTLOOK IN INDOCHINA, PORTER SAID THAT WE HOPED THAT THE SITUATION WAS QUIETING DOWN. THE MAJOR PROBLEM WAS IN CAMBODIA WHERE THE GOVERNMENT IS FIGHTING SEVERAL COMMUNIST GROUPS NONE OF WHICH IS RELATED TO THE OTHERS. HE NOTED THE LOGISTICAL PROBLEM FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND SAID THAT, IF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE SHOULD PULL OUT AS REQUIRED BY THE AGREEMENT, THINGS WOULD BE EASIER. HE NOTED ALSO THAT MORE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN LAOS THAN IN CAMBODIA. IN LAOS THERE HAS BEEN THE RELEASE OF U. S. PRISONERS. WALDING INQUIRED WHETHER THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE DRAWING ON THE CHINESE FOR HARDWARE. PORTER SAID THEY HAD DRAWN ON BOTH CHINA AND THE USSR BUT WHETHER THEY WERE

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CONTINUING TO DO SO OR ARE USING EXISTING STOCKPILES WAS UNKNOWN. TO WALDING'S QUERY WHETHER THE USSR AND CHINA HAVE INDICATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR LAOS AND NVN PORTER REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE. THE NVN ARE PROVIDING THE KHMER COMMUNISTS WITH TRAINING AND LOGISTICS. IF THE NVNESE WITHDRAW THE KHMER WILL FIND IT NECESSARY TO START A DIALOGUE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. BOTH SIHANOUK AND LON NOL HAVE SAID THEY ARE READY TO DEPART THE SCENE IF THERE IS A SETTLEMENT, BUT THEY WILL NOT DEAL WITH EACH OTHER.

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